

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

A TRIBUTE TO AMELIA BOYNTON ROBINSON, CONGRESSMAN LOUIS STOKES, AND JULIAN BOND

SPEECH OF

HON. MARCIA L. FUDGE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 28, 2015

Ms. FUDGE. Mr. Speaker, I rise tonight to honor three civil rights legends: Ms. Amelia Boynton Robinson, Mr. Julian Bond, and my dear friend and mentor, Congressman Louis Stokes. Each a leader in his or her own right, these trailblazers laid the foundation we stand upon today.

They paved the way for us and have inspired us to continue fighting for equality and justice. Because of them, we must do more.

Ms. Boynton Robinson's legacy moves us to never stop fighting for voting rights. All Americans should have full access to the ballot box. The strength of our democracy rests upon the participation of every citizen.

Mr. Bond's life's work commits us to striving for equality and full protection under the law for all Americans. Our country will never fulfill the promise of the land of the free and the home of the brave, if any citizen is denied justice and legal fairness.

In honor of my dear friend Congressman Stokes, we will never stop advocating for our nation's most vulnerable. We must continue to give voice to the voiceless and work to ensure all Americans have access to the American Dream. It is our obligation to serve the best interests of the people of this country, whether a pauper or the populace.

Mr. Speaker, we stand on the shoulders of giants. This great woman and these great men remind us why we stand here today and who we are here to represent. We thank them for their service and sacrifice, and pledge to continue to fight in honor of their legacies.

In closing, I'd like to take a moment of personal privilege and thank my colleagues in the Ohio Delegation and the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) for signing on to H.R. 427, a resolution honoring the life and legacy of Congressman Stokes. We currently have 57 cosponsors on the bill.

It is so important that the world knows who Congressman Stokes was and what he did. Congressman Stokes is etched in Ohio's history, and with this resolution will be firmly woven into the fabric of this great nation forever.

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SPEECH OF

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 28, 2015

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the lives of

three very special leaders from the African American community who have passed away this year. Through their personal sacrifices and steadfast leadership, Representative Louis Stokes, Amelia Boynton Robinson, and Julian Bond have impacted the lives of countless Americans and I would like to join my colleagues in honoring their legacies.

I have had the distinct honor of working alongside Representative Stokes before he retired from the United States Congress in 1999. Before being elected to Congress, Representative Stokes was a tireless advocate for promoting civil rights as a lawyer. In 1968, Representative Stokes was elected as Ohio's first African American congressman, where he would go on to become a founding member of the Congressional Black Caucus. After serving for 30 years in Congress, Representative Stokes is remembered by his commitment to public service and his insatiable desire to help the most disadvantaged segments of the population.

Amelia Boynton Robinson was a prominent figure from the Civil Rights Movement, most well-known for her strong efforts to encourage voter participation among African Americans. Ms. Boynton was key to organizing civil and voting rights demonstrations in Alabama, including a march to the state capital of Montgomery. It was during this march on Bloody Sunday when Ms. Boynton was beaten unconscious in the defense of basic voting rights for African Americans. Ms. Boynton would live to the age of 110 before passing away in Montgomery, Alabama.

Julian Bond was another Civil Rights leader whose life we honor this year. Mr. Bond helped to co-found the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), which served as a platform to drive the success behind organizing African American voters during a critical time in our nation's history. Mr. Bond also co-founded and was named the first president of the Southern Poverty Law Center, a legal organization dedicated to protecting the most vulnerable while advocating for basic rights for all. He also served in the Georgia House of Representatives despite a bitter vote by his colleagues not to seat him. Later in his life, Mr. Bond served as chairman of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) from 1998 to 2010.

Representative Louis Stokes, Amelia Boynton Robinson, and Julian Bond were model citizens whose legacies will be idolized long into the future. These three leaders have left lasting impressions that will set examples for new generations. Mr. Speaker, it saddens me and countless others to have to honor these individuals after their passing. However, we are forever grateful for their contributions and countless lives have been improved as a direct result of their sacrifices.

IN HONOR OF THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK

HON. TOM McCLINTOCK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2015

Mr. McCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, on behalf of myself and Mr. COSTA, to honor the 125th anniversary of Yosemite National Park.

October 1, 2015 marks 125 years since President Benjamin Harrison signed the legislation establishing our third national park. This law preserved over 1,500 square miles for the public use, resort, and recreation of the American people for all time. Indeed, approximately 275 million people enjoy the majesty of the park annually.

The creation of Yosemite National Park added Tuolumne Meadows, the park's high country, Hetch Hetchy, and lands surrounding Yosemite Valley to those areas already protected by the Yosemite Grant Act of 1864.

Yosemite offers a vast expanse of natural beauty. This national treasure encompasses the iconic Half Dome and El Capitan, numerous waterfalls, deep valleys, grand meadows, ancient sequoias, and a vast array of recreational opportunities. Park visitors have the opportunity to explore an extensive trail system, camp at 13 different sites, bike, bird watch, fish in a number of streams and rivers, horseback ride, rock climb, swim, kayak, and raft. Yosemite is also home to the largest intact subalpine meadow complex in the Sierra Nevada, 30 properties and districts listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and five National Historic Landmarks.

Mr. Speaker, Yosemite National Park is undoubtedly one of the most extraordinary features of our national landscape. I hope that generations to come will be able to enjoy its many wonders.

CONGRATULATING THE VERMONT CHRISTIAN CHURCH ON ITS 70TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. DANIEL T. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2015

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I ask the United States House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the Vermont Christian Church D.O.C. on the occasion of their 70th anniversary.

During the summer of 1945, members of the Flint community were concerned with the need of what they called a "Negro Disciples of Christ Church". After many visits from Rev. Courts and Rev. R.L. Jordan of Detroit a meeting was held on October 7th, 1945. The church was then formed with Rev. Courts as its first pastor and \$17.00 in its coffer.

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Throughout the years Vermont Christian Church has assisted the community in many ways. In both 2009 and 2014 they assisted the International Academy of Flint with a Thanksgiving dinner that fed community members and the homeless. Other partners include the Genesee County Jail Forgotten Man Ministries, the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan, and the Carriage Town Ministries homeless shelter.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud the long term involvement of the Vermont Christian Church D.O.C. in the community these past 70 years and their commitment to their fellow man.

**HONORING SAINT BRUNO PARISH
ON ITS 90TH ANNIVERSARY**

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2015

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Saint Bruno Catholic Church, an exemplary Catholic parish at 4751 South Harding on the southwest side of Chicago, which is celebrating its 90th anniversary.

Founded on September 12, 1925, St. Bruno's mission has remained the same: proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ, caring for the poor, the sick, and the elderly, educating children in the faith, and celebrating the sacraments. The parish first carried out this mission as a place of worship for Polish immigrants. Father Alexis Gorski presided over the first Mass at St. Bruno's.

Today, Father Antoni Bury is pastor and the parish is home to a diverse population with Masses offered in English, Polish, and Spanish. All parishioners, irrespective of their ethnicity, come together and work to live their faith and improve their community. St. Bruno's also has a parish school led by principal Colleen Schrantz.

On Saturday, October 3rd, St. Bruno's will be celebrating its 90th anniversary with a Mass presided over by Bishop Thomas J. Paprocki. Bishop Paprocki is the nephew of the first parish priest, Fr. Gorski.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing St. Bruno Catholic Church and all its parishioners as they celebrate their 90th anniversary. May St. Bruno's continue to live out its mission of faith in service to God and others.

**HONORING DALTON HUNTER
HUNTLEY**

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2015

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Dalton Hunter Huntley. Dalton is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1351, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Dalton has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Dalton has been involved with

scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Dalton has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Dalton Hunter Huntley for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING DUSTY SHULTZ

HON. DAN BENISHEK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2015

Mr. BENISHEK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dusty Shultz, superintendent of the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore upon the occasion of her retirement on November 2, 2015, after 42 years of service, including 14 years with the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore in my district in Northern Michigan.

Ms. Shultz has had a long and industrious career with the National Park Service. Ms. Shultz's interest in a career with the Park Service began early. Following an opportunity to attend an Allegheny Portage Railroad National Historic Site near her home in Central Pennsylvania, Ms. Schultz remained in touch with contacts at the event and was hired by the service upon her high school graduation.

After a long and distinguished career with the National Park Service, Ms. Shultz was appointed as Superintendent of the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore in August of 2001. Under her leadership, she worked with local residents, landowners, local communities, and the National Park Service to rework the plans for the general management plan of the lakeshore.

I was honored to work with all stakeholders, including Ms. Schultz, to pass legislation that codified the new general management plan that garnered tremendous support in our local communities. I was happy to sponsor the "Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore Conservation and Recreation Act," which was signed into law by President Obama on March 13, 2014. This legislation ensures that the park will remain both protected and accessible for generations to come. Ms. Schultz played a key role in ensuring that the balance of accessibility and conservation in the park was maintained, and stakeholders from around our local communities have praised her efforts.

On behalf of all residents of Northern Michigan, I wish to salute Ms. Shultz for her many years of dedicated service to the National Park Service, and the citizens of the United States.

**CELEBRATING CHILDREN'S CAR-
DIOMYOPATHY AWARENESS
MONTH**

HON. DAVID SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2015

Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the second an-

nual Children's Cardiomyopathy Awareness Month. Cardiomyopathy is a chronic disease of the heart muscle that affects the heart's ability to pump blood. The disease can present in different forms and may, in severe cases, lead to heart failure and/or sudden death. The goal of this Awareness Month is to provide information and resources to help identify more at-risk children to prevent sudden death.

Knowing your family cardiac history is essential to preventing premature death. There is no low-cost diagnostic test that can quickly detect all forms of cardiomyopathy. A discussion of your family's heart health with a geneticist, cardiologist or pediatrician can help assess your child's risk for cardiomyopathy.

The Children's Cardiomyopathy Foundation works to raise awareness for serious cardiac conditions and provides resources and supports to families struggling with the reality of discovering that their young children have critical conditions. CCF's work to bring attention to this issue and encourage better detection, prevention, and treatment for patients is important, and I thank them for these efforts. I invite my colleagues to join me in congratulating this organization's lifesaving work.

**HONORING THE DEWALT MECHLIN
CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL SO-
CIETY OF THE DAUGHTERS OF
THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION ON
ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY**

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2015

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Dewalt Mechlin Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution which is celebrating its 100 year anniversary. I appreciate all the hard work the Dewalt Mechlin Chapter has done to assist the community through their service.

The NSDAR's mission is "to promote historic preservation, education and patriotism." For a century, the Dewalt Mechlin Chapter has excelled at fulfilling this mission.

The Dewalt Mechlin Chapter was organized by Minnie MacFarlane Prince and eleven charter members. Their first meeting on December 6, 1915, was held at the Ridge Park Field House. Mrs. Prince, as founding member, chose to name the chapter after her patriot ancestor, Dewalt Mechlin. The chapter placed its first historical marker in the Beverly/Morgan Park community and has continued to preserve history with historical markers in order to promote education.

The Dewalt Mechlin Chapter has a long history of community service. In both the First and Second World Wars, they assisted with the war effort by operating a Red Cross Shop and contributing to relief efforts. During the Second World War the organization invested in war bonds, urged membership in the Red Cross, recruited blood donors, and donated generously to veterans' hospitals in Chicagoland. This service continues with the chapter supporting veterans, recruiting blood donors, donating money and gifts to the veterans hospitals, supporting the Red Cross, serving as election judges, working to encourage voting, marching in the Beverly Memorial

Day parade, donating food and clothing to needy families, and many other activities that enrich the community. The Dewalt Mechlin Chapter is particularly proud of its involvement in community education, particularly through its support of the Good Citizens and ROTC programs.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the women of the Dewalt Mechlin Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution for all they have done over the past century. They have done a tremendous job and I wish them all the best.

HONORING OUR ALLY THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA ON THEIR NATIONAL DAY

HON. MIKE BISHOP

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2015

Mr. BISHOP of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I take the floor today to honor our ally the Republic of China (Taiwan) on their National Day. Since World War II, the United States and Taiwan have had a very close relationship and friendship.

The United States and Taiwan enjoy a long-standing relationship that stems from our shared values: democracy, the rule of law, and free enterprise. Not only an important security partner, Taiwan is also a strong economic partner—in fact, our 10th-largest trading partner of the United States, and the 5th largest export market in Asia of my representing state—Michigan.

Taiwan always shares America's democracy, freedom, and awareness for human rights. To protect these values, the United States has willingly supported Taiwan's security over the years. We have provided Taiwan aircraft, vessels, vehicles, technology, and many other necessities to protect themselves. In addition to self-defense, these tools are being used to demonstrate that Taiwan is our security partner in the Asia Pacific region.

Many Americans believe in a strong U.S. relationship with Taiwan. I would like to see the continuing support for Taiwan and policies that would promote our relationship going forward.

HONORING DRAKE NICHOLAS HANSEN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2015

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Drake Nicholas Hansen. Drake is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1351, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Drake has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Drake has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably,

Drake has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Drake Nicholas Hansen for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

RECOGNIZING PAIN AWARENESS MONTH

HON. KATHLEEN M. RICE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2015

Miss RICE of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Pain Awareness Month, which we observe each September to raise awareness for those suffering from chronic pain and to promote a greater understanding of pain management and treatment.

Pain is not only a debilitating medical condition that affects millions of Americans each day—it is also a serious strain on our economy and workforce. With an estimated annual cost of nearly \$600 billion in treatment and lost wages, our nation spends more money treating pain than almost any other disease, including heart disease, diabetes and cancer.

Unfortunately, chronic pain has long been viewed as a medical condition that can be cured with just a pen and prescription pad. But as we've learned over the past decade, this is simply not the case. Rather than curing or comforting individuals who suffer from chronic pain, the over-use of prescription pain medication can often lead those individuals only to deeper pain and darker despair. It's time that we as a country treat pain as the complex medical issue that it truly is and pursue real, lasting solutions for all those who suffer from it.

In an age of unprecedented medical advancements, it's absolutely critical that we begin making stronger investments in effective and safe methods of pain management and treatment, so that those suffering from chronic pain can be freed from their burden, return to work, support their families and live full, independent lives.

While Pain Awareness Month reminds us of the devastating toll that pain takes on so many Americans, their families and our economy, it's important that this month also serve as a catalyst for swift and comprehensive action to help those who are suffering right now in my district and in every district across the country.

RECOGNIZING JAY POTESTA UPON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKEY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2015

Mr. VISCLOSKEY. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to stand before you and my colleagues today to applaud Mr. Jay Potesta upon his retirement from his position as the Director of Governmental Affairs for the International Association of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail, and Transportation Workers. Jay has devoted his life to the interests of men and women in the trades, and to the communities of Northwest Indiana, Indi-

anapolis, and beyond. He also has served in many leadership roles throughout his illustrious career. For his lifetime of service, Mr. Potesta will be honored at a retirement dinner taking place at the Baymont Inn and Suites in Plainfield, Indiana, on Saturday, October 3, 2015.

Jay Potesta started his apprenticeship for Sheet Metal Workers Local 20 in 1976, and I am assured that he can capably use tools. Following his apprenticeship, Jay worked tirelessly on behalf of his members and every American who wants to make a living wage. Among his many positions, he has represented the union as Business Manager of Sheet Metal Workers Local 20, Vice President of the American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO), President of the Indiana State Building and Construction Trades Council, President of the Great Lakes State Council, Trustee of the Gary and the Indianapolis Pension Funds, General Vice President of the Sheet Metal Workers International Association's (SMWIA) General Executive Council, and his most recent position, Director of Governmental Affairs for the International Association of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail, and Transportation Workers, formerly known as SMWIA. Jay also has been a public servant, having been elected to the Hammond Indiana School Board. He has additionally served on numerous other boards throughout the communities in which he has lived, including the Capitol Improvement Board and the National Democrat Club. Jay also is a Master Mason, 32nd Degree Mason Scottish Rite, Orak Shrine.

Northwest Indiana has a rich history of excellence in its craftsmanship and loyalty from the men and women in the trades. For many years, Jay Potesta has displayed this unwavering dedication to the members of the Building Trades, and his numerous positions have provided him with the opportunity to touch the lives of countless individuals.

Jay's dedication to the community and his career is exceeded only by his devotion to his amazing family. Jay and his wonderful wife, Pam, have two children and four grandchildren.

In sum, Jay Potesta has led a life of dedication. A life in which he has been deeply serious about his responsibilities, all while possessed with a wonderful self deprecating sense of humor. I am blessed to have known Jay since 1983. He has been my friend for these many years, the type of friend who would be the last man standing if all others deserted you. For that I thank him and I respectfully request that you and my other dignified colleagues join me in commending Jay for his many years of service and in wishing him well upon his retirement.

HONORING ROBERT EARL NOE

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2015

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Robert Earl Noe. Robert is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1351, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Robert has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Robert has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Robert has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Robert Earl Noe for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH
BIRTHDAY OF FELICIA MORMILE

HON. DANIEL M. DONOVAN, JR.

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2015

Mr. DONOVAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th Birthday of Brooklyn's Felicia Mormile.

On October 3, 1915, Felicia Veronica Provisiero was born in downtown Brooklyn to parents Carmela and Ralph. The oldest of six children, she was always there to do her chores and help her younger siblings. When Felicia was just 16, her mother tragically passed away and her father pulled her out of school so she could take care of the family.

In 1934, Felicia was introduced to Alphonse Mormile through her Uncle Jimmy. After dating for four years, they married on April 3, 1938 and had six wonderful children. In addition to being a working mother, she volunteered non-stop; for twenty years, Felicia would clean up her church before Mass each day, and she would prepare and bring food to the homeless in her community. Furthermore, she volunteered her time at the Guardian Angel Home for Unwed Mothers by helping take care of the children and readying the new mothers for parenthood.

Every Christmas, Felicia and her family would make baskets for the poor to ensure that they had everything necessary in order to have a wonderful Christmas dinner. Each Tuesday, she would take the train to Saint Francis Assisi Church to attend a novena and from there she would always go shopping at Gimbels Department Store.

Mr. Speaker, Felicia Mormile's selflessness and commitment to volunteering is something to which we should all aspire. With six children, 11 grandchildren, and 16 great-grandchildren, she has been a loving member not only of her family, but of the community as well. I commend her outstanding life, and I am proud to honor this citizen from New York's 11th District on her 100th birthday.

COMMEMORATING THE JOB CORPS
PROGRAM

HON. SUZAN K. DELBENE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2015

Ms. DELBENE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate 50 years of incredible work by the Job Corps program. For a half-century, Job Corps has been expanding hope and ac-

cess to opportunity for millions of young people across the country.

Administered by the Department of Labor and funded by the Workforce Investment Act, Job Corps offers hands-on technical training, career planning, job placement, housing assistance and academic training at no cost to Americans aged 16 to 24.

It serves a vital pipeline to long-term career success for our youth, providing the tools necessary to find and keep a stable job that pays a living wage—a foundation that these students will be able to build from for the rest of their lives.

In Northwest Washington, we take real pride in the remarkable success of the Cascades Job Corps Center in my district.

Cascades Job Corps provides economically disadvantaged youth the opportunity to learn technical and career-based skills, earn a high school diploma or GED, and find and keep a good-paying job.

I have had the pleasure of visiting the Cascades Job Corps classrooms and facilities on numerous occasions, and for the last two years, I have been honored to give the commencement speeches for their graduating students.

In Congress, I will continue to speak up for Cascades and the great work they do for students in the First Congressional District of Washington.

By ensuring everyone has access to these kinds of opportunities, as well as the chance to succeed through hard work and determination, we can shape stronger communities and finally build an economy that works for all Americans.

HONORING TURNER SAMUEL HESS

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2015

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Turner Samuel Hess. Turner is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1351, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Turner has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Turner has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Turner has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Turner Samuel Hess for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

RECOGNIZING ALEXA IANNACE AS
A 2015 NATIONAL YOUNG WOMEN
OF DISTINCTION

HON. CHARLES W. DENT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2015

Mr. DENT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ms. Alexa Iannace on her selection as one of ten 2015 National Young Women of Distinction. This is an honor given by Girl Scouts of the USA to young women who have earned their Gold Award, the highest achievement attainable for a Girl Scout.

Alexa recently graduated from Emmaus High School. She earned her Gold Award for her documentary on child pornography, which she created with input from members of law enforcement and victims' advocates. She screened her film for an audience that included students studying criminal justice and social work at local area universities, as well as a cyber-crimes taskforce comprised of 10 law enforcement agencies including the US Department of Homeland Security and Lehigh County's Bar Association for District Attorneys.

Alexa's commitment to service and community extends beyond the Scouting. She participated in Keystone Girls State, is a recipient of the Union League of Philadelphia Good Citizenship Award and won the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizenship Award contest for Emmaus High School.

Alexa is now furthering her education at American University in Washington D.C. where she is majoring in International Relations and Political Science. She has already been accepted by the school's prestigious Leadership program.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Alexa Iannace, and her parents Margaret and Paul, for her accomplishments in earning Girl Scout's highest award, being named as one of 2015's National Young Women of Distinction, and for giving back to her community.

HONORING ELIZABETH T. HUF

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2015

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, congratulations to Elizabeth T. Huf on her retirement from the Centennial School District Board of Directors, with the thanks of a grateful school community for her 22 years of service on the Board including serving as President, Vice President, Assistant Secretary and Committee Chair.

Throughout her career, Betty, as she is known to her friends and associates, exemplified the true spirit of volunteerism and public service. She actively participated in, and contributed to the betterment of her community of Warminster, Bucks County, where she resided for more than 50 years. Additionally, she is the devoted mother of four children, and a proud grandmother and great-grandmother.

As she retires, Betty Huf's many contributions will be missed, but she leaves an example of public service for others to follow. Thanks for all you've done, Betty. Best of luck to you in your retirement.

IN SUPPORT OF EXTENDING, "THE FEDERAL PERKINS LOAN PROGRAM"

HON. RUBÉN HINOJOSA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2015

Mr. HINOJOSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of extending the Perkins Loan Program for one year so that students can complete their education and join our workforce.

Perkins Loans provide critical support to students with economic need, offering low-cost loans with flexible repayment terms and generous forgiveness options that are public-service oriented. In 2013–2014, close to 500,000 students with need were awarded nearly \$1 billion in Perkins Loans. And throughout its 57-year history, more than 30 million students with need have benefited from this program. It is also the only loan program used to support graduate and professional schools students.

According to the Congressional Budget office it has estimated that the Federal Government will reclaim nearly \$5 billion over the next ten years. This is \$5 billion that should be used to help keep college affordable for students in need of help.

Without Perkins, schools would lose the necessary flexibility to help students cover gaps left after Federal grants and Stafford Loans are applied or unforeseen circumstances jeopardize a student's ability to pay for college. Ultimately, if Perkins is allowed to expire billions of dollars in student aid would be eliminated from schools' revolving funds.

Perkins Loans themselves don't usually amount to more than several thousand dollars per student, but they can spell the difference between whether or not our students can attend college. In Texas, that means approximately over 12,000 students a year having an opportunity to finish their degree without unnecessary financial interruptions. This is not a time to abandon our students who are working hard to complete their education and have the same opportunities as so many other college graduates.

For these reasons, I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to extend the Federal Perkins Loan Program.

HONORING BRADLEY EUGENE MORGAN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2015

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Bradley Eugene Morgan. Bradley is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1351, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Bradley has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Bradley has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his fam-

ily, peers, and community. Most notably, Bradley has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Bradley Eugene Morgan for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING CECILIA AGUIAR-CURRY

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2015

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the work of Cecilia Aguiar-Curry a City Councilwoman of Winters and one of my district's 2015 Woman of the year.

Whereas, on the Twenty-Second Day of September, of the Year Two Thousand and Fifteen, Cecilia Aguiar-Curry was recognized as a 2015 Woman of the year.

Whereas, Cecilia Aguiar-Curry is currently in her second term as Mayor of Winters, a city of 7,000 residents in Western Yolo County. Cecilia has spearheaded many new initiatives for the city of Winters. She is an incisive leader with clear vision and the ability to make that vision a reality in tangible ways. She is an outstanding ambassador to the world at large for the city of Winters.

Whereas, under her leadership, the Yolo County Health and Human Services brought a branch to Winters. PG&E is also building a new training facility in Winters, providing more than \$500,000 in computer technology and training to the schoolchildren of Winters through a partnership with the Winters Education Foundation and the Yocha DeHe Foundation. She also was a successful advocate for the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument, revived the local Hispanic Advisory Community and developed the Winters Youth Council.

Whereas, Cecilia also serves on the Board of Directors for the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG), the New Hope Community Development Corporation, the Yolo County Housing Commission, the Water Resource Association of Yolo County, and the 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness. Previously, she served on the Board of Directors for the League of California Cities. Cecilia is hardworking, responsible, compassionate, and an effective leader who truly cares about her community.

Resolved, That I Congressman JOHN GARAMENDI of California's Third Congressional District, do hereby recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of Cecilia Aguiar-Curry.

HONORING THE WORK OF CRAIG WILLIAMS AND THE KENTUCKY ENVIRONMENTAL FOUNDATION

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2015

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the work of Craig Williams and the Kentucky Environmental Foundation. Twenty-five years ago, the Foundation formed the Chem-

ical Weapons Working Group. This group was made up of residents who were concerned about building chemical weapons incinerators at eight sites across the country and one island in the Pacific. The CWWG has worked hard over the years at the grassroots level to successfully advocate for federal legislation that mandated research and implementation of safer weapons disposal technologies that did not include incineration.

The Chemical Weapons Working Group has done an excellent job of bringing people together from many different social and political persuasions and many different perspectives. These dedicated people have worked over the past twenty-five years to come to consensus on safe solutions for the disposal of U.S. chemical weapons. Currently, a non-incineration technology facility is under construction in the Sixth District of Kentucky. The project is being done with continued oversight by Mr. Craig Williams, as he also serves as the Host Community Liaison between local governments and the Pentagon.

Mr. Williams is a founding member and past Director of the Kentucky Environmental Foundation. In addition to serving as Director of the Chemical Weapons Working Group, he is a charter member of the Kentucky Governor's Chemical Material Demilitarization Citizen's Advisory Commission and currently serves as co-chair of the Kentucky Chemical Destruction Advisory Board.

Mr. Williams is the co-founder and secretary of the Vietnam Veterans of America Foundation. He has received several tributes in the United States Congress and was presented the John O'Connor Citizens Achievement Award in 2003. Williams is involved in many community activities. Williams and his wife live in Berea, Kentucky near their two children and two grandchildren.

The people of the Sixth District and our nation are safer today because of the determined work and excellent leadership of Craig Williams and the Kentucky Environmental Foundation. They have worked tirelessly and with great passion to mandate ways to dispose of chemical weapons in a safe manner. I join a grateful nation in congratulating the Kentucky Environmental Foundation on their twenty-five years and thanking Craig Williams for his excellent leaderships.

HONORING THE SPIRIT OF MIDDLE PASSAGE, NAACP MARCHER FOR JUSTICE

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2015

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, we mourn yet celebrate the life of NAACP justice marcher, Middle Passage, who passed away on September 12th, 2015. Passage, 68, died during America's Journey for Justice, a six week march that commemorates the 50th anniversary of the civil rights movement.

During Passage's earlier lifetime, he changed his name to Middle Passage to remind us of enslaved Africans. The "Middle Passage" represented the journey taken by slave ships from Africa to the West Indies.

Despite having several heart operations and surviving two wars, in Korea and Vietnam,

Passage marched over 900 miles from Selma, Alabama to Washington, D.C. while serving as the flag bearer during the Journey for Justice March. From his work as a civil rights activist, a veteran, and an overall believer in the U.S. Constitution, Passage will be remembered for his continued dedication for fighting for justice and freedom for all.

While we grieve the loss of one of the many pioneers for civil rights, we will remember his legacy as a Marcher for Justice and more importantly, celebrate his memory and work in the community in efforts to ensure younger generations can learn and become inspired by him.

HONORING WILLIAM LEE HESS

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2015

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize William Lee Hess. William is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1351, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

William has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years William has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, William has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending William Lee Hess for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING CATHLEEN OLSEN

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2015

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the work of Cathleen Olsen a nutrition advocate and one of my district's 2015 Woman of the year.

Whereas, on the Twenty-Second Day of September, of the Year Two Thousand and Fifteen, Cathleen Olsen was recognized as a 2015 Woman of the year.

Whereas, Cathy is currently the Director of Nutrition and Food Services for the Winters Joint Unified School district and has been instrumental in educating students about good food habits and nutrition. When talking about meal plans, she always ensures it includes the numerous fresh fruits and vegetables that are in season.

Whereas, in 2001, Cathy championed the start of the Winters Farm to School Program. Its mission is to raise funds to provide fresh and local produce to our children's school food program, educate children about the food programs, and reconnect children to the rich agricultural heritage in the Winters Community. Cathy has developed a strong network of farmers that have helped her achieve remark-

able statistics. Currently 93% of fresh fruits and vegetables purchased are locally sourced, 50% coming directly from farmers. To ensure that school children are getting fresh produce, Cathy and the Farm to School committee also started an annual fundraiser that last year, provided \$50,000 for the Winters Joint Unified School District's Nutrition and Food Services.

Whereas, additionally, Cathy helps host a weekly Farmers Market and started a school garden that allowed students to cultivate plants throughout the school year. This past summer alone, Cathy and her staff provided over 400 breakfast and lunches for students ages 5–18.

Resolved, That I Congressman JOHN GARAMENDI of California's Third Congressional District, do hereby recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of Cathleen Olsen.

TAIWAN NATIONAL DAY

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2015

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of the upcoming National Day of the Republic of China (Taiwan) on October 10, 2015.

The relationship between our two great countries has been long and prosperous, and will continue long into the future. During WWII, the Republic of China helped the allied forces defeat Japanese troops and ultimately win the war. In 1954, Taiwan signed the Sino-American Mutual Defense Treaty, which ensured peace in the Taiwan Strait and allowed for continued Taiwanese development. Later, the Taiwan Relations Act (TRA), passed in 1979, guaranteed the future for a prosperous relationship.

Since that time, Taiwan has continued to be a strong security and trade partner to the U.S. America has provided Taiwan with \$18.3 billion in arms sales over the past seven years. In May 2015, the U.S. Congress passed initiatives aimed at increasing U.S.-Taiwan military exchanges, including participation in the Rim of the Pacific Exercise.

On the trade front, Taiwan has not only become one of the leading economies in the Asia-Pacific region, but the entire world. Taiwan is America's tenth largest trading partner and America is Taiwan's third largest trading partner after China and Japan. Taiwan has even been named the third best country to invest in and the U.S. is Taiwan's largest foreign investor.

In addition to being a strong trading partner, Taiwan has emerged as a responsible participant in the international market and an active member of prominent international organizations. Taiwan has been an outstanding member since becoming a member of the World Trade Organization in 2002. In 2008, the WTO Committee on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures elected Lo Chang-fa, a professor specializing in international trade at National Taiwan University, to serve on its Permanent Group of Experts panel. Later that same year, Taiwan became a member of the Agreement on Government Procurement. These steps in the WTO show how the world has recognized Taiwan as a leading economy.

In January 2009, the World Health Organization (WHO) made arrangements for Taiwan

to become a party to the International Health Regulations.

This has enabled the Taiwanese to have direct contact with the WHO and gives it access to firsthand information on public health emergencies of international concern. Moreover, the WHO can dispatch personnel to provide assistance during any future health crisis in Taiwan.

Given Taiwan's proven track record of being a reliable member in international bodies, we should encourage more international participation by Taiwan. For example, given that criminals do not care about boundaries separating countries, it is critical that nations are able to share information on criminals and suspicious activity with each other, but Taiwan cannot do that because it is not yet a member of INTERPOL. Taiwan should be granted observer status in INTERPOL as soon as possible.

It is critical that the United States and Taiwan maintain and enhance their present relationship. From rising insecurity in the region to economic challenges the world over, our two countries need to face the future arm in arm. I congratulate Taiwan on its National Day and look forward to many more years of a close partnership.

And that's just the way it is.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2015

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on roll call vote 520, I was not present because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "AYE."

IN APPRECIATION OF THE NORTHWEST INDIAN FISHERIES COMMISSION

HON. DENNY HECK

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2015

Mr. HECK of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and thank the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission for its unyielding dedication to the restoration of Puget Sound and the protection of Tribal treaty rights for the First Peoples of the Pacific Northwest.

For Tribes, clean water and healthy salmon are not just perks of life in the Pacific Northwest; they are the centerpiece of the Tribes' history, culture, and way of life. Unfortunately, changing ocean chemistry, degrading habitats, and stormwater runoff are posing an existential threat to these resources.

Following a landmark victory reaffirming treaty-protected fishing rights, the Tribes created the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission to assist them in developing biologically sound fisheries and restore the salmon runs that sustained their people for centuries. The interconnectedness of habitats and ecological systems throughout the Puget Sound region means that Tribal participation is vital to all aspects of natural resource management in the Pacific Northwest.

To that end, NWIFC provides a forum for member Tribes to jointly address natural resource management issues and enables Tribes to speak with a unified voice on issues of mutual concern. For decades, NWIFC and the Tribes have asked the Federal Government to fulfill its treaty obligations by protecting the Puget Sound and restoring salmon runs.

Today, I thank the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission for its partnership and co-operation in the development of the Promoting United Government Efforts To Save Our Sound Act, or the PUGET SOS Act. This bill requires a more coordinated and deliberate effort within the Federal Government to restore and protect the Puget Sound, and it explicitly recognizes and prioritizes the treaty rights of the sovereign Tribes. I sincerely thank the Commission's staff for their assistance and advice in crafting this important piece of legislation.

I raise my hands to the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission and its member Tribes for their tireless efforts to save the Puget Sound.

HONORING BECKY BRUMMET

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2015

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the work of Becky Brummet, a special education teacher and one of my district's 2015 Woman of the year.

Whereas, on the Twenty-Second Day of September, of the Year Two Thousand and Fifteen, Becky Brummet was recognized as a 2015 Woman of the year.

Whereas, Becky is a dedicated Special Education teacher at Orland High School who previously taught students at the Continuation School and Head Start. Becky goes the extra mile to ensure her students who face challenges get the services they need. Becky is described by her colleagues as a Worker Bee and a fearless child advocate.

Whereas, Becky served the Glenn County Fair Board by appointment under Governor Schwarzenegger and has continued to support current appointees and activities since her departure. Becky was the co-founder of the "Avenue of Lights", an annual display installed at the fairgrounds during the holidays that has expanded over the years to encompass a full mile. It poses as a Winter Wonderland to delight local residents of all ages.

Whereas, additionally, Becky serves as President of the California Teachers Association in Orland where she is a strong voice for fairness in the workplace. Her voice is amplified each day with a powerful task: she leads by example.

Resolved, That I Congressman JOHN GARAMENDI of California's Third Congressional District, do hereby recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of Becky Brummet.

RECOGNIZING LAUREN WHALEY

HON. MARK WALKER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2015

Mr. WALKER. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to recognize Lauren Whaley as she and her family begin a new chapter in their lives. I want to thank her for her service to the Carolinas Credit Union League and all the credit unions in North Carolina they represent.

Lauren and her husband, Charles, are graduates of North Carolina State University, and have called Raleigh home for many years. Last year, they were blessed to welcome their beautiful daughter, Margaret Blaire Whaley, into their family.

Lauren has been with the League for over six years and has served as the Vice President of Governmental Affairs representing credit unions in both the North Carolina General Assembly and the United States Congress. She has represented credit unions with the highest degree of professionalism and has a work ethic that is second to none.

Lauren was instrumental in working to help pass legislation to curb elder financial abuse in North Carolina. Her accomplishments are many and her mark is as lasting as her impression on those she meets. As a freshman member, I appreciate the resource she has been to me and my staff.

I know Lauren will be missed as she departs from the League not only for her industry knowledge, but also for who she is as a person. I wish Lauren and her family the best.

SHEDDING LIGHT ON NATIONAL SICKLE CELL DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2015

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, during the month of September, we recognize National Sickle Cell Awareness month, which is significant to me because this rare blood disorder affects many constituents in my congressional district. I understand how important it is to not only be aware of the illness but also to ensure those with Sickle Cell receive proper treatment.

Sickle cell disease, most commonly found in individuals of African American, Hispanic, Indian, Caribbean, Mediterranean, Middle Eastern, and South Asian descent, affects more than 100,000 individuals worldwide. It is an illness that affects the red blood cells. People with sickle cell disease have red blood cells with abnormal types of hemoglobin. This abnormal type of hemoglobin looks crescent-shaped, is difficult to pass through blood vessels and causes less blood to reach certain parts of the body. When the proper amount of blood does not circulate throughout the body, they can have damaging effects, causing anemia, jaundice and the formation of gallstones.

It is imperative that we not only educate ourselves but those around us as well. I am

proud that in 2014, I co-founded the Congressional Sickle Cell Caucus with Rep. DANNY DAVIS (D—7th, IL) and Senator TIM SCOTT (R—SC) to support legislation, promote policies and inform the public about the disease. Together we are pushing to reauthorize the Sickle Cell Disease Research, Surveillance, Prevention, and Treatment Act which allows states to collect data, conduct health initiatives and identify and evaluate strategies for prevention and treatment of sickle cell disease complications. I commend organizations like the Sickle Cell Disease Association and Sickle Cell Foundation Support Group, Inc. for their efforts and I will continue to support initiatives that will help improve the lives of those with Sickle Cell disease.

HONORING BARBARA LEVAKE

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2015

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the work of Barbara LeVake a County Supervisor of Yuba County and one of my district's 2015 Woman of the year.

Whereas, on the Twenty-Second Day of September, of the Year Two Thousand and Fifteen, Barbara LeVake was recognized as a 2015 Woman of the year.

Whereas, raised on a dairy farm in Merced, Barbara LeVake has been involved in agriculture and public policy issues all her life. She has been a member of the California Women for Agriculture for 40 years and is currently the State Legislative Director.

Whereas, a resident of Sutter County for over 30 years, Barbara is a County Supervisor having previously served from 1989–1992 and as a Governor appointee to the State Reclamation Board.

Whereas, since 1995, Barbara has been the CEO of Brazil/LeVake Government Relations providing services to clients ranging from agriculture to energy to water interests. She also actively represents the agricultural industry as a member of the California Elected Women's Association, California State Association of Counties, Capitol Network, National Association of Business Women Owners, Western Growers Association, California Farm Bureau, and Western Plant Health Association. She is also a member of the Sutter Buttes Flood Control Agency and the Sutter Yuba Farm Bureau.

Whereas, Barbara is respected as a bold leader who demonstrates grace under pressure. She works to shape policy to address the needs of today while being mindful of future generations yet to come. As a role model, Barbara helps to inspire in others, a reminder to advocate passionately, be a leader, and to always act with integrity and class.

Resolved, That I Congressman JOHN GARAMENDI of California's Third Congressional District, do hereby recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of Barbara LeVake.

HONORING NINE WORLD WAR II
FEMALE VETERANS

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2015

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the nine outstanding World War II female veterans from Palm Beach County who will soon be honored by the Palm Beach County Veterans Committee. They are a cohort defined by dedication, excellence, and selflessness in their willingness to serve.

On Veterans Day, we pay tribute to the men and women who throughout history and to this day have defended our Nation and our values through service in our armed forces. The debt we owe to these veterans is immeasurable, and we must always strive to be a nation worthy of their heroic sacrifice.

For the past eight years, the Palm Beach County Veterans Committee has sponsored annual Veterans Day parades and ceremonies honoring our Nation's veterans. This year, nine female World War II veterans will be personally honored as Grand Marshalls in the Palm Beach County Veterans Day Parade on November 8th.

Congratulations to Dorothy Echeverria, Maxine Bodman, Nina Gebrian, Marjorie Ulsamer, Florence Mascott, Virginia Stefan, Bernice Harwood, Eleanor McFadden, and Jean Mahonney on being chosen as Grand Marshalls in this year's Veterans Day parade. I am proud to honor them in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, and express deep appreciation for their service to our Nation.

HONORING BARBARA CHRISTWITZ

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2015

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the work of Barbara Christwitz, a community leader and one of my district's 2015 Woman of the year.

Whereas, on the Twenty-Second Day of September, of the Year Two Thousand and Fifteen, Barbara Christwitz was recognized as a 2015 Woman of the year.

Whereas, Barbara Christwitz is the founder of Citizens Caring 4 Clearlake, a non-profit organization that leads neighborhood clean ups of trash and debris. She is dedicated to making Clearlake a better place.

Whereas, in addition to Citizens 4 Clearlake, Barbara has been an active community member with an extensive volunteer resume. She volunteers for the Lake County Time Bank and Lake County Coop and is a coordinator of monthly Peace Prayer dances. Barbara helped establish the Highlands Senior Service Center Garden and is a leader in the Girl's Circle sponsored by the Lake County Family Resource Center.

Whereas, Barbara has been a tutor specialist at Yuba Community College for the past ten years. She is an amazingly giving person with an inexhaustible spirit who takes pride in her community.

Resolved, That I Congressman JOHN GARAMENDI of California's Third Congressional

District, do hereby recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of Barbara Christwitz.

IN APPRECIATION OF THE PUGET
SOUND PARTNERSHIP

HON. DENNY HECK

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2015

Mr. HECK of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and thank the Puget Sound Partnership for its tireless efforts to protect and restore America's largest estuary.

The Puget Sound Partnership is the agency of Washington state serving as the backbone organization for Puget Sound recovery. The Partnership coordinates the efforts of citizens, governments, tribes, scientists, businesses and nonprofits to set priorities, implement a regional recovery plan, and ensure accountability for results.

It is this kind of cooperative effort that can turn back the tide of degrading habitats and changing ocean chemistry, and I commend the Partnership for taking on the mantle of leadership in this vital mission.

The Puget Sound is not only a national environmental treasure; it is the centerpiece of our cultural identity and economic strength in the Pacific Northwest. If habitats continue to degrade and our cool, clean water is jeopardized by changing ocean conditions, we will lose much of what makes the Puget Sound and Washington state so special.

That is why I have worked closely with the Puget Sound Partnership and its Executive Director, Sheida Sahandy, to bring their model of cooperative, coordinated recovery to federal agencies through the Promoting Unified Government Efforts To Save Our Sound Act, or the PUGET SOS Act. This bill is a significant first step to bring more federal attention to bear on Puget Sound recovery, and I sincerely thank the Partnership's staff for their assistance and advice in crafting this important piece of legislation.

RECOGNIZING THE NATIONAL EN-
DOWMENT FOR THE ARTS ON
ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2015

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 50th anniversary of the National Endowment for the Arts. Fifty years ago today, President Lyndon Baines Johnson signed the National Foundation on the Arts in Humanities Act as an umbrella for creating the National Endowment for the Arts and National Endowment for the Humanities.

Since President Johnson signed National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) into law 50 years ago, the NEA has been supporting artists and arts organizations across this country. The NEA's grant programs have helped support the creation of new artwork in our communities, taught generations of children the power of creativity and problem solving, preserved our nations artistic heritage, and brought art forms to stages, movie theatres,

televisions, and public spaces across the United States.

The investment we make in the arts provides us not only with the enrichment of our communities across the country, but it is also a powerful economic driver. Each year, the nonprofit arts industry generates \$135.2 billion in economic activity, providing 4.13 millions jobs, and returns billions to the federal government in income taxes. Additionally, for every one dollar of federal funds we invest in the arts, we return 9 nonfederal dollars back—an unprecedented return on investment. Through this federal investment, the non-profit arts industry generates \$22.3 billion in government revenue.

The NEA has been at the forefront of a national effort to support arts and health in the military through the NEA/Walter Reed Healing Arts Partnership. This program supports writing, visual and music arts therapy, and yoga for service men and women at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center and the National Intrepid Center of Excellence (NICOE). These cost effective, non-invasive arts therapy programs rank consistently in the top five "helpful" and "wish to continue programs" on patient satisfaction surveys of men and women who have gone through the program. Through art therapy programs, our servicemen and women can transition away from large numbers of prescription medications to art therapy programs which allow for healing, psychosocial skill building, and self expression directly correlated to an increase in quality of life after leaving the treatment at NICOE.

The NEA also supports life-long learning in the arts through education programs that have been proven to help close the education achievement gap and help increase better grade point averages in core academic subjects.

As President Johnson said: "The arts and humanities belong to the people, for it is, after all, the people who create them." Please join me in recognizing the NEA on its 50th anniversary.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 40TH AN-
NIVERSARY OF BAYSHORE SEN-
IOR HEALTH, EDUCATION AND
RECREATION CENTER

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2015

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Bayshore Senior Health, Education and Recreation Center in Keansburg, New Jersey as it celebrates its 40th anniversary this year. The Center's efforts to enhance the well-being of the community's senior population is truly deserving of this body's recognition.

Through its activities, workshops, outings and classes, the Bayshore Senior Health, Education and Recreation Center provides an opportunity for seniors to receive resources, information, exercise and lunches, but also an opportunity to give back to the community through programs such as Crochet for a Cause and ESL lessons. In addition, the Center's community involvement extends beyond its services to seniors, offering internship and practicum opportunities to college students

pursuing nursing and social services degrees. Above all, the Bayshore Senior Health, Education and Recreation Center aims to provide a sense of fellowship in a safe, welcoming environment.

Since its inception, the Bayshore Senior Health, Education and Recreation Center has continued to grow and transform to meet the changing needs of its members. Its current location was recently expanded and renovated to include individual rooms dedicated to particular activities, including a computer lab and craft room, a community room and an upstairs hall that can be rented out for special functions.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Bayshore Senior Health, Education and Recreation Center on its 40th anniversary and thanking its staff and members for their extraordinary service to the community.

HONORING ANGIE GATES

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2015

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the work of Angie Gates a community organizer and one of my district's 2015 Woman of the year.

Whereas, on the Twenty-Second Day of September, of the Year Two Thousand and Fifteen, Angie Gates was recognized as a 2015 Woman of the year.

Whereas, Angie Gates is inspired by the people she serves through her volunteerism. "After the floods, I saw the good in people," explained Angie. "It made me proud to call Yuba County my home."

Whereas, Angie has been a community organizer and volunteer in Yuba County for over 20 years. She spearheaded 'So You Can', a canned food drive and a critical networking agency. Originally designed to serve Olivehurst, the networking agency has expanded to include Linda, Arboga, Plumas Lake, and Marysville.

Whereas, hundreds of local families are helped each year by the organizations and annual events Angie provides leadership for, such as Olivehurst's Christmas Parade and Car Show, Marysville Boots and Brews, Operation Turkey Swap, Holiday Dinner and Toy Drive, Olivehurst Little League, Marysville Kiwanis, Yuba County Senior Center, and Duke Memorial Foundation.

Whereas, beyond providing food for the hungry and conducting toy drives during the holidays for low income families, Angie is passionate about creating positive family events that promote a sense of community wellbeing so that people feel good about where they live.

Whereas, what keeps Angie motivated are the smiles that she sees on the faces of many who return to say, "Thank you for helping our family out last year. Now that we are back on our feet, what can we do to help someone else this year?"

Resolved, That I Congressman JOHN GARAMENDI of California's Third Congressional District, do hereby recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of Angie Gates.

FOUR U.S. AVIATORS FROM THE GREAT WORLD WAR I

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2015

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, 100 years ago, the United States came—not for the last time—to the free world's aid, as Europe descended into a bloody war that would ultimately end the Age of Empires. Much has been written about the First World War, its impact on subsequent history, and the future trajectory of the Western world. But what are often forgotten are the stories and sacrifices of brave individuals.

According to Blaine Pardoe's "Terror of the Autumn Skies," the average life expectancy of a new United States WWI pilot was just 19 days. These four men defied the odds and boldly fought their way through the war. These men deserve special tribute. They are all young Americans who came to the aid of our allies and helped make the world more secure and prosperous.

All four were recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor, our Nation's highest military honor, and yet they are not household names. That is unfortunate.

We must remember our warriors from 100 years ago because the greatest tragedy of war is to be forgotten.

FIRST LIEUTENANT FRANK LUKE, JR.

Known as the "Arizona Balloon Buster," Lieutenant Luke was born into a family of nine siblings in Phoenix, growing up a keen sportsman and bare-knuckle boxer—a pursuit that would help prepare him for the fight to come. Lt. Luke enlisted in the Aviation Section of the U.S. Signal Corps in 1917 and received his training in the Great State of Texas before being deployed to the Western Front. Perhaps reflecting his childhood sports prowess, Lt. Luke went on to become one of an elite number of "fighter aces," and in September 1918, he successfully completed a record personal campaign against German observation balloons and aircraft, earning him his nickname. He died in combat on 29 September 1918. He was 21.

CAPTAIN EDWARD V. RICKENBACKER

Eddie Rickenbacker always had a knack for driving. He competed in the Indianapolis 500 four times as a racecar driver before becoming America's most successful WWI fighter ace. Born in Ohio to Swiss-German parents, Captain Rickenbacker had a personal connection to the turmoil engulfing Europe and even tried to join the Allied cause before the United States entered the war. With 26 aerial victories to his name, Captain Rickenbacker is widely considered one of the most accomplished military aviators of his generation. He was also one of the hardest-working, clocking up a total of 300 combat hours. Rickenbacker was lucky enough to return home after the war and went on to become an airline executive and advisor to the U.S. Air Force effort in WWII. He died in Columbus in 1973 aged 82.

CHIEF MACHINIST'S MATE FRANCIS E. ORMSBEE, JR.

Born and raised in Rhode Island, Frank Ormsbee, Jr., was not even yet a pilot when he conducted the brave rescue attempt that would earn him a Congressional Medal of Honor. After being motivated as a patriot to

enlist in the Navy in 1917, the following year, as an aircrew member stationed at Pensacola, Florida, Ormsbee witnessed a plane go into a tailspin and crash less than a mile out from his position. The young Navy recruit jumped overboard and swam to the wreck, partially extricating the gunner and making a number of attempts to save his life. While the rescue was unsuccessful, Ormsbee's heroism was extraordinary. He died in a plane crash two decades later at the age of 44.

ENSIGN CHARLES HAZELTINE HAMMANN

In addition to his congressional medal, Charles Hammann's service has been memorialized by two Naval ships named in his honor. Originally from Baltimore, Hammann joined the Naval Reserve in 1917. Less than 12 months later, the young naval aviator found himself flying a Macchi M.5 seaplane off the Austro-Hungarian coast when his colleague and compatriot Ens. George M. Ludlow was shot down. Despite his aircraft being deemed suitable for one person, Ensign Hammann dove to the water and pulled his fellow American onboard, saving his life amid danger of enemy fire from Austrian planes. He was killed on duty in Virginia on 14 June 1919. He was 27.

All four of these brave Americans, two of them barely more than boys, exemplify the very best in our fine tradition of military service. As the world reflects on the Great War on the occasion of its centenary, it is my hope that we remember the names and stories of these heroic individuals who risked or, indeed, gave their lives in service of this Nation.

The boys of the Great War were the fathers of America's Greatest Generation. Their efforts cannot and will not be forgotten.

And that's just the way it is.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EVAN H. JENKINS

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2015

Mr. JENKINS of West Virginia. Mr. Speaker, on roll call no. 518, I was unable to vote due to a veterans event in the district with VA Secretary Robert McDonald.

Had I been present, I would have voted AYE.

HONORING ANDREA ARMSTRONG

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2015

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the work of Andrea Armstrong, a community leader and one of my district's 2015 Woman of the year.

Whereas, on the Twenty-Second Day of September, of the Year Two Thousand and Fifteen, Andrea Armstrong was recognized as a 2015 Woman of the year.

Whereas, committed to the guidance and activities of Williams youth, in addition to serving as a school board member for 20 years, Andi has been a key organizer and speaker for the 'Every 15 Minutes' program in schools. As a teenager, Andi was in a serious car accident involving a drunken driver. She has

shared her story across the North State to encourage students to consider the consequences of drinking and driving or being a passenger in a car driven by an impaired driver.

Whereas, Andi's leadership was fundamental in the development and completion of the downtown mural project. The mural is the pride and the focal point in the City of Williams. She served for 7 years as President of Citizens for a Better Williams, dedicated to the improvement of the historic downtown business district. Andi organized the City of Williams annual events and parades while developing a Summer concert series in the park. Full of fun, residents will often see Andi serving strawberry shortcakes outfitted in the old-fashioned Car-Hop tradition.

Whereas, in 2012, local hero Sgt. Alejandro Jauregui lost both legs below the knees in Afghanistan. Andi, an Army Mom, orchestrated his homecoming. With over 200 town folks and veterans cheering and waving flags in the center of town, they honored and welcomed Sgt. Jauregui home. Later, Sgt. Jauregui received a home from "Homes for our Troops" in Woodland. It was Andi who spearheaded a fundraiser that generated over \$10,000 to help pay for handicap accessible home features.

Whereas, an inspiration to many and admired by all, Andi goes above and beyond the call of duty to ensure that a call for help is answered.

Resolved, That I Congressman JOHN GARAMENDI of California's Third Congressional District, do hereby recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of Andrea Armstrong.

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL TO PROVIDE FLEXIBILITY IN EXTENDING SOCIAL SECURITY TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2015

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, today I introduced a bill that would provide flexibility to the Government of Guam in extending Social Security to local government employees. This bill provides the Government of Guam with the authority to determine employees who would participate in the Social Security program and it would help to address the significant shortfalls that many of GovGuam's employees may face when they retire from government service.

The retirement option currently provided to GovGuam employees is unsustainable and will leave many without sufficient means to care for themselves when they retire. Guam's public auditor has reported that the average government employee has about \$40,000 in their retirement account and would not have enough money to support basic needs come their retirement age.

Local leaders have proposed reforming the retirement plan offered to GovGuam employees to one that is a hybrid of federal Social Security and local defined benefit plan. I believe that the proposal to extend Social Security to GovGuam employees, while at the same time revamping the local retirement system, would be the best course of action moving forward and would provide thousands of

GovGuam employees with the resources needed to have a comfortable quality of life during their retirement.

Extending Social Security to GovGuam employees would be consistent with existing federal authority and it would be similar to an option exercised by the District of Columbia in extending Social Security to Washington, D.C. government employees. However Guam policymakers have expressed several concerns with the current federal law that requires it to extend Social Security to all employees. Specifically, the way the law currently reads, if GovGuam decides to extend Social Security to employees, it must do so for all employees regardless of their time of service or ability to benefit from the system when they retire. They are concerned that if GovGuam exercised this option, thousands of GovGuam employees who already have years of government service, would not be able to contribute enough calendar quarters to qualify for Social Security. In essence, these employees would be forced to pay into the system but would not be able to receive any benefits when they retire.

This would cause a significant financial burden on the employees as well as Guam's local treasury, and I believe that flexibility should be extended to GovGuam to ensure that employees who pay into the system can benefit from it upon their retirement. The bill that I introduced today would solve this problem by leaving it to Guam lawmakers to decide how the term "initially hired" is defined. It is my understanding that the Guam Legislature intends to extend Social Security to employees who would be able to fulfill the Social Security's requirement that beneficiaries must contribute 40 calendar quarters into the system before they are eligible for the program. The Legislature is actively considering several options that on the payment and funding source that will be used to provide for any upfront costs as well as the employer contributions for GovGuam employees. Further, I have coordinated the development of this language with the Social Security Administration to ensure that it addresses the appropriate fix in statute that is needed to fully execute the local law should it be enacted.

I hope that my colleagues will support this bill and allow government employees in Guam to contribute into and benefit from Social Security, just as most government employees and all private sector employees throughout the country already do. I look forward to working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to advance this legislation.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF ROY CURTIS OF BEREA

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2015

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the service of Roy Curtis. He served the city of Berea, Kentucky for thirty-four years as a firefighter. Mr. Curtis rose up through the ranks and eventually became fire chief. He is very well respected among his fellow firefighters and among the people of Berea.

Mr. Curtis recently retired from his position as fire chief. He was a caring and compas-

sionate leader who will be greatly missed. Mr. Curtis reported that the hardest part of the job was seeing people suffer the loss of loved ones, pets, and possessions in fires.

Mr. Curtis was also an integral part of the team of Berea firefighters. His fellow firefighters showed much respect for Chief Curtis and his leadership. As firefighter Eric Lawson said, "He's just a top-notch guy. You can't find one better than Roy".

Like all his fellow firefighters, Roy Curtis was a brave public servant who went into dangerous situations many times to save lives and property. The willingness to sacrifice and to serve the public is part of what makes America great. A grateful nation joins with the citizens of Berea to say thank you to Roy Curtis.

HONORING SANDY HOLMAN

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2015

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the work of Sandy Holman a Cultural Competency Educator, Mentor, and one of my district's 2015 Woman of the year.

Whereas, on the Twenty-Second Day of September, of the Year Two Thousand and Fifteen, Sandy Holman was recognized as a 2015 Woman of the year.

Whereas, Sandy Holman is the Director of United in Unity and The Culture C.O.-O.P. The 'C.O.-O.P.' which stands for Caring, Optimistic, Open-minded People was created to help individuals and organizations better meet the needs of diverse communities in a variety of settings. Both organizations focus on promoting respect for equitable practices, diversity, cultural competency, reading and a quality education for all.

Whereas, Sandy helped to create Davis' annual International Festival designed to bring people of all cultures together. She has written and published two beautiful children's books, 'Grandpa, Is Everything Black Bad?' and 'We All Have a Heritage.'

Whereas, known to many as 'The Purple Lady', Sandy has an unquenchable zest for life that has inspired thousands of Yolo County youth and adults over the past 30 years.

Whereas, through Sandy's mentoring programs and collaborative projects, she is a beacon of light who leaves an indelible imprint on the lives she touches.

Resolved, That I Congressman JOHN GARAMENDI of California's Third Congressional District, do hereby recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of Sandy Holman.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2015

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$18,151,061,200,913.26. We've added \$7,524,184,152,000.18 to our debt in 6

years. This is over \$7.5 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE
MALNUTRITION EPIDEMIC

HON. NORMA J. TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2015

Mrs. TORRES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an important, but often unnoticed, epidemic in our country and to voice my support for the fight to end it. Malnutrition negatively impacts the lives of millions of Americans who do not have adequate access to nutritious food. While the symptoms can vary from hunger to obesity, one thing has become incredibly clear—malnutrition disproportionately affects senior citizens and people of color. All throughout the United States, the problem negatively impacts the livelihood of families and takes a toll on the nation's healthcare costs.

One of the contributing factors to malnutrition in the United States is poverty and lack of access to healthy foods. According to the 2014 Census, there are 46.7 million people living in poverty in our country. The lack of financial resources means that families often have to rely on cheaper foods with artificial ingredients. These foods are frequently high in caloric intake and do not possess the necessary nutritious properties to make up a healthy diet. Many health side effects, such as obesity, come as a result of this.

Just as troubling is the existence of food deserts in the nation, which are defined as an area of land where residences have limited access to affordable and nutritious food. According to the United States Department of Agriculture, at least one food desert exists in every state in the nation. Millions of Americans often go hungry or rely on unhealthy food simply because they do not have the means to get to a grocery store near their home. This is an unacceptable problem, particularly considering that food deserts are most prevalent in poor, urban localities that are home to many minorities. In order to address the growing malnutrition epidemic in our country, we must encourage investments in our neighborhoods to make sure that everyone has easy access to nutritious foods.

Additionally, malnutrition impacts the healthcare systems in so many of our communities. Recent studies have shown that one in three patients arrive at hospitals malnourished. Patients with malnutrition have been known to be more likely to suffer longer hospital stays, have slower healing, and be at greater risk for re-hospitalizations and complications. Another study found that the economic burden of disease-associated malnutrition in the U.S. to be an estimated \$156.7 billion per year—and for those aged 65 and older, it is estimated to be \$51.3 billion per year. These numbers make clear that nutritional status deserves more attention.

A critical ingredient often lacking in malnutrition care today is engagement by the broader healthcare establishment. While healthcare

providers are beginning to utilize standardized malnutrition screening, assessment, and appropriate interventions for older adults, more development in these areas are vital to leading healthier lives and saving on healthcare costs. We cannot afford to ignore such low-cost solutions.

Focus on malnutrition care will help yield transformative policies for patient-centered medical care and make a meaningful difference in the lives of our nation's older adults. September 28 to October 2 has been designated as Malnutrition Awareness Week. Let us use this time as a call to action to increase awareness and find solutions that better support the healthy aging of all citizens across our communities.

HONORING RAMONA PRIETO

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2015

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the work of Ramona Prieto, a Peace Officer, Public Servant, Role Model, and one of my district's 2015 Woman of the year.

Whereas, on the Twenty-Second Day of September, of the Year Two Thousand and Fifteen, Ramona Prieto was recognized as a 2015 Woman of the year.

Whereas, Assistant Commissioner (Ret.) of the California Highway Patrol, Commissioner Prieto has led by example, rising through the ranks to make a visible and lasting impact over her 38-year career of public service. Assignments took her up and down the state from Los Angeles to the Yuba-Sutter area where eventually she became the highest-ranking woman in CHP history as Assistant Chief and Deputy Commissioner.

Whereas, fresh out of the CHP Academy, Prieto was assigned to Central L.A. and made agency history in 1980 when she became the first female motorcycle officer. In 1986, Prieto was assigned to oversee special projects at the academy. In 1990, she was promoted to Sergeant and subsequently to Lieutenant, Captain, Deputy Chief, Assistant Commissioner and finally Deputy Commissioner—the post she retired from earlier this year.

Whereas, Commissioner Prieto's leadership is characterized by a warm, outgoing nature coupled with the highest standards of integrity and professionalism. She has encouraged others and promoted transparency in agency operations. Thanks to her high level of leadership, more women have been hired into the CHP including her youngest daughter who has followed in her footsteps and entered into law enforcement.

Whereas, while Prieto has earned degrees in public administration and leadership, her family and husband, Ed are a top priority. She is ever mindful of setting good examples for their daughters to work hard, be goal-oriented and always strive to make things better.

Resolved, That I Congressman JOHN GARAMENDI of California's Third Congressional District, do hereby recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of Ramona Prieto.

RECOGNIZING WORLD WAR II
VETERAN EDWARD (ED) L. TURLO

HON. STEVE STIVERS

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2015

Mr. STIVERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize World War II veteran Edward (Ed) L. Turlo, who passed away on September 25, 2015 at the age of 92.

Ed was born in Chicago, IL on July 13, 1923. He joined the Army after graduating high school, entering as the highest rank a civilian could join the military. He became a member of the 79th Infantry Division in the Army and was sent to fight on the D-Day invasion at Utah Beach in France. After D-Day, he began volunteering for the United National Relief and Rehabilitation Agency (UNRRA), which helped displaced citizens find their country representatives. While Ed was stationed in Germany, he met his wife Lydia, whom he married after the war.

Ed and Lydia returned to the United States after getting married, and he started college at Miami University in Florida. He earned his 4-year degree in 2½ years and was soon hired by Western Electric in Chicago, Illinois. While in Chicago, he continued his education at Northwestern University and earned a Master of Business Administration degree.

His involvement in charitable work throughout his life had a focus on inner city youth. In Chicago, Ed was involved in the Hawthorne Club, where he frequently took underprivileged children to baseball games and delivered toys and clothes to needy children. He even spent time as a member of the Board of Directors of the Hawthorne Club.

In 1962, Ed and Lydia moved to Columbus, Ohio where they began a family. In Ohio, Ed served as the senior vice commander and on the Honor Guard unit for the VFW Post #2398. He also continued his charitable work by serving at the local food pantry and taking students from the Ohio School for the Blind to the circus. In 2011, Ed was inducted into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame.

Ed Turlo served our country bravely in World War II and remained committed to service after the war. Hundreds of youth were positively impacted by his work throughout his lifetime. His commitment to service should serve as an example for us all.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2015

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, due to the fact that I was unavoidably detained on September 28, 2015, I missed the rollcall vote on House Bill 2835, the Border Jobs for Veterans Act of 2015. Had I been present on rollcall vote No. 519, I would have voted YEA.

RECOGNIZING MALNUTRITION
AWARENESS WEEK

HON. JOYCE BEATTY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2015

Mrs. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, this week, September 28, 2015 through October 2nd, has been designated as Malnutrition Awareness Week.

Malnutrition is a problem for millions of Americans nationwide, including in my home state of Ohio, and is often ignored in the deliverance of healthcare.

We should recognize this critical, yet often unseen epidemic in our country, and fight to eliminate it.

Hunger, obesity, and food insecurity all contribute to malnourishment in our country and disproportionately affects senior citizens and low-income families.

In fact, patients with malnutrition have been shown to potentially suffer longer hospital stays, have slower healing times, and be at greater risk for re-hospitalizations and complications.

Focusing on malnutrition care will help yield transformative policies for patient-centered medical care and make a meaningful difference in the lives of our nation's older adults.

Additionally, systematic malnutrition screenings, assessments, and appropriate interventions for older adults are often not ac-

cessible, but could be vital to leading healthier lives, and result in health care cost savings.

We cannot afford to ignore such low-cost solutions.

That is why I, along with Congresswoman MARCIA FUDGE, sent a letter to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) urging improved incorporation of nutrition into programs and improvement in patient care and outcomes.

This week, let's have a call to action to increase awareness and find solutions that better support the healthy aging of all senior citizens and the health of vulnerable families through focusing on eliminating malnutrition in our country.

Healthy citizens mean a healthy society, economy, and future of our country.

HONORING CHERIE STEPHENS

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2015

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the work of Cherie Stephens a community volunteer and one of my district's 2015 Woman of the year.

Whereas, on the Twenty-Second Day of September, of the Year Two Thousand and Fifteen, Cherie Stephens was recognized as a 2015 Woman of the year.

Whereas, Founder and Chair of the Yuba City Walk for Alzheimer's, Cherie Stephens

has helped to raise more than \$68,000 since its inception in 2013 and is on a personal mission to raise an additional \$48,000 by the end of this year.

Whereas, as President of the Yuba City-Marysville Soroptimists, Cherie helped to expand and grow the Girls on the Run program with the goal to unleash confidence in young women while establishing a lifetime appreciation for health and fitness as tomorrow's leaders. Utilizing last Fall's fundraising dollars, Soroptimists recently completed a beautiful bathroom remodel at the Salvation Army Depot Family Crisis Center, a project intended to instill a sense of dignity and self-confidence for the women housed there.

Whereas, Cherie is co-owner of Stephens Farmhouse where in addition to baking pies, making jams, and tending to the storefront, she offers an educational program to local students called 'Kids in the Kitchen'. Cherie is a California Women in Agriculture Member and past member of several organizations including the CA State Fair Board, Prune Festival, St. Isidore's Parent Club, and Farm Day.

Whereas, despite the rigors of running and growing a successful business, Cherie manages to balance marriage, family, community service, and philanthropy with exceptionally good humor. She is a living example of what is possible for us all.

Resolved, That I Congressman JOHN GARAMENDI of California's Third Congressional District, do hereby recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of Cherie Stephens.